

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as indicated below. Following is a list of claims that replaces all prior versions.

1-7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) A system for web based development and exploitation of intellectual property (IP), the system comprising software to be run on a computer, the software comprising:

- a. an innovator attraction module;
- b. a developer attraction module;
- c. a registration module; and
- d. a match module;

the registration module to accept data related to an innovator and the innovator's innovation and to store the data in an innovation database, and the match module to match the innovation and the innovator with a developer.

9. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 8, wherein the innovation database is operably stored for random retrieval on a storage medium.

10. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 8, further wherein updates and changes to the data are also stored in the innovation database.

11. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 8, further wherein the match module is to match one or more other innovations with one or more other developers.

12. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 8, further comprising a tracking module to make available to a user at least one of a status and an outcome of any activity related to the matching of the innovation and the innovator with the developer.

13. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 12, wherein the at least one of the status and the outcome of the activity is also operably stored in a tracking database for later retrieval by the user.

14. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 13, wherein the at least one of the status and the outcome of the activity is fed for storage to the innovation database.

15. (Original) The system of Claim 14 wherein the innovation database and the tracking database are interoperably connected for data sharing.

16. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 15, wherein at least one module selected from the innovator attraction module, the developer attraction module, the registration module, the match module, and the tracking module resides on a computing device.

17. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 16, wherein at least one different one of the modules resides on a different computing device, and the two computing devices are interconnected for data communication over an information network.

18. (Original) The system of Claim 17, wherein the information network is a global information network.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Withdrawn) A method of tracking an innovation, comprising:
determining one or more actions requested by a user with respect to stored information associated with the innovation;
determining an identification of the user; and
logging the one or more actions and the identification of the user.

21. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 20, wherein the one or more actions comprises accessing at least a portion of the stored information associated with the innovation.

22. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 20, wherein the one or more actions comprises viewing at least a portion of the stored information associated with the innovation.

23. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 20, wherein the one or more actions comprises printing at least a portion of the stored information associated with the innovation.

24. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 20, wherein the one or more actions comprises copying at least a portion of the stored information associated with the innovation.

25. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 20, wherein the one or more actions comprises modifying at least a portion of the stored information associated with the innovation.

26. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 20, wherein the one or more actions comprises downloading at least a portion of the stored information associated with the innovation.

27. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 20, wherein the one or more actions comprises a search.

28. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 20, wherein the stored information associated with the innovation comprises confidential information.

29. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 20, wherein the stored information associated with the innovation comprises a non-disclosure agreement.

30. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 20, wherein the tracking of the innovation is performed in real time.

31. (Withdrawn) A system for tracking an innovation, comprising a processor that executes instructions and thereby causes the processor to:
determine one or more actions requested by a user with respect to stored information associated with the innovation;
determine an identification of the user; and
log the one or more actions and the identification of the user.

32. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 31, wherein the one or more actions comprises accessing at least a portion of the stored information associated with the innovation.

33. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 31, wherein the one or more actions comprises viewing at least a portion of the stored information associated with the innovation.

34. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 31, wherein the one or more actions comprises printing at least a portion of the stored information associated with the innovation.

35. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 31, wherein the one or more actions comprises copying at least a portion of the stored information associated with the innovation.

36. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 31, wherein the one or more actions comprises modifying at least a portion of the stored information associated with the innovation.

37. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 31, wherein the one or more actions comprises downloading at least a portion of the stored information associated with the innovation.

38. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 31, wherein the one or more actions comprises a search.

39. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 31, wherein the stored information associated with the innovation comprises confidential information.

40. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 31, wherein the stored information associated with the innovation comprises a non-disclosure agreement.

41. (Withdrawn) A system for monitoring an innovation, comprising:
a database having stored information associated with the innovation; and
a processor to: perform an action requested by a user with respect to the stored information; determine an identity of the user; and create a record of the action and the identity of the user.

42. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 41, wherein the record comprises a date the action was performed.

43. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 41, wherein the processor is further to associate the record with the stored information.

44. (Withdrawn) A system for monitoring an innovation, comprising:

a database having stored information associated with the innovation; and
a processor to: perform actions requested by a plurality of users with respect to the stored information; determine identities of the plurality of users; and accumulate a plurality of statistics concerning the actions and the identities of the users.

45. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 44, wherein the plurality of statistics comprise a number of times the stored information was viewed.

46. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 44, wherein the plurality of statistics comprise a ranking based on a number of times the stored information associated with the innovation was viewed as compared to a number of times stored information associated with each of one or more other innovations was viewed.

47. (Withdrawn) A system for tracking an innovation, comprising:
means for determining one or more actions requested by a user with respect to stored information concerning the innovation;
means for determining an identification of the user; and
means for logging the one or more actions and the identification of the user.

48. (Withdrawn) A system for providing access to an innovation, comprising a processor that executes instructions and thereby causes the processor to:

determine one or more actions requested by a user with respect to stored information linked to the innovation, the stored information comprising one or more non-disclosure agreements (NDAs);

determine an identification of the user;

determine whether the user is subject to any of the one or more NDAs;

and

execute the one or more actions only if the user is subject to any of the one or more NDAs.

49. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 48, wherein each of the one or more NDAs includes a time and date of execution.

50. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 48, wherein each of the one or more NDAs describes intellectual property to which the NDA applies.

51. (Withdrawn) A system for an innovation, comprising a processor that executes instructions and thereby causes the processor to:

receive a request from a user to access information associated with the innovation;

determine whether the user is allowed to access at least a portion of the information based on an access rule; and

provide access to at least the portion of the information if the access rule allows the access.

52. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 51, wherein the information associated with the innovation comprises a trade secret.

53. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 52, wherein the access rule depends, at least in part, on a class of the trade secret.

54. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 53, wherein the access rule maps the trade secret class to a user class of the user.

55. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 51, wherein the access rule depends, at least in part, on a user class of the user.

56. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 51, wherein the access provided is tracked.

57. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 51, wherein the access is provided to the user.